

Mayor and City Council Update June 26, 2020

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads



Administration

CARES Relief Fund

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones participated in a meeting Tuesday with the Cobb County Manager Jackie McMorris and the other Cobb city managers to discuss the CARES Relief Fund. You may recall that Cobb County received \$132 million. The city managers learned that Governor Brian Kemp does not intend to direct any of the State's CARES money to the cities within Cobb County since Cobb County already received CARES money. It is our understanding that Cobb County is supposed to receive a letter from Governor Kemp's Office urging Cobb County to allocate some of their CARES money to the cities. As of the date of the meeting, Cobb County had not received a letter. The purpose of the meeting with the County Manager was to ask Cobb County again about sharing a portion of their allocation with the cities. If Smyrna is eligible to receive money from Cobb County, our allocation is estimated to be \$10 million since the State is using the 2019 census numbers (dollar amount per person of \$174.49). Staff will continue to update you if/when we receive any information.

City Clerk's Office

The following are the upcoming public meetings:

June 29, 2020 at 6:00PM – Smyrna Planning and Zoning Board – Smyrna Community Center - Large Gym

July 1, 2020 at 4:30PM – Committee of the Whole Work Session – Smyrna Community Center – Magnolia Room

July 6, 2020 at 5:00PM – Pre-Council Meeting – Smyrna Community Center – Magnolia Room

July 6, 2020 at 7:00PM – Mayor and Council Meeting – Smyrna Community Center – Large Gym

CENSUS Update

We are continuing outreach for the 2020 Census. In early August, employees from the Census Bureau will begin the door knocking phase to gather information from nonresponders of previous mailings. However, self-response will continue through the end of October. Individuals can self-respond either by mail or online. Smyrna's self-response rate is currently at 62.3%, ahead of both the Georgia self-response rate (57.5%) and the national self-response rate (61.6%). Outreach will continue over the next few months through events, social media, and other avenues.



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City Hall Name Change: A. Max Bacon City Hall

In early March, the Mayor and Council agreed to change the name of Smyrna City Hall to “A. Max Bacon City Hall.” Lettering for the building, along with an updated sign in front of City Hall, have been ordered by the Public Works Department. Further details about the name change will be discussed in the coming weeks.

Library

Phase 2 Re-opening – After a week and a half of phase 2 hours and services, the library is averaging 218 walk-in customers per day, which is about a quarter of a normal June day attendance. But the number of books checked out during that time period is a bit better than half of what we checked out last year. So the customers who are venturing out are making the most of their visit. ***They are visiting less but checking out more than they normally would.*** Plus, digital checkouts are up 23% for the year. That is the behavior we had hoped for. Customers are taking advantage of the library’s print materials, but they are reducing their overall exposure. We’re very pleased.

Fall Planning – Mary Moore and Rebecca Power met this week to plan fall youth programming. All events and classes will continue to be virtual. The exception to this will be one outdoor event with timed tickets. The library will also continue to distribute the take-home craft kits which have been a bit hit this summer. Mary and Swapna Kaimal also began fall program plans for adults. Lectures, book discussions, and events for adults will also be virtual. Adult Services plans to experiment with take-home craft kits for adults since they have done so well with families. The adult crafts will appeal to adults but will be designed for a beginning crafter.

Academic Support – Now that Cobb County Schools has announced their plan to offer parents’ the choice between in-person and virtual learning environments, the library will need to find creative ways to support both types of learners. We are already planning to offer virtual “Book Talk” visits to individual classrooms in place of normal in-person visits. These visits could be expanded to include the at-home learners of the same class, bringing the at-school and at-home learners together in the same event.

Department of Environmental Services (KSB)

Volunteer Recognition

Planning for volunteer recognition continues.

Education

The Education Committee is meeting about interacting with schools with grants, new programs, and general outreach.

One Million Trees Program

Staff met with staff from Trees Atlanta about the above program. Staff is meeting with the Tree Board to determine a course of action and possible partnership between the two organizations, the City and Trees Atlanta.

Training

Staff attended a webinar on Energy and Water Conservation put on by Fort Valley State University and another on Municipal Energy and Water Audits by the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Recycling Center:**Appointments and Opening**

Things are going well. The Center will continue accepting appointments 3 days a week through most of July. At that time, a re-assessment will be done to see if additional days or discontinuing appointments can be done.

Janet and Julie continue to assist with the Center opening and working the front gate as people come for appointments.

Environmental Services:**Smyrna Outdoor Market**

The owners of Neighbor's Feed and Seed and the owner of Fat Iguana Produce will be conducting a Smyrna Farmers Market. KSB will promote thru their social media.

Energy Performance Services Contract

The contract has been awarded to Schneider Electric.

Hefty Energy Bag Program

The Hefty Energy Bag starter kits were picked up by staff with assistance from PW. Plans to launch the program will begin in earnest.

Parks & Recreation

This past week our Park Maintenance team completed our monthly plant growth regulation and nutrient wall-to-wall spray application to the cities nearly 30 acres of athletic turf grass. This monthly spray application helps promote healthy turf grass and at the same time the growth regulator helps to slow the vertical growth of the turf, which allows our team to mow at heights of cut below 1" and do so normally once per week. Typically, mowing turf that is untreated at these heights would require "mow outs" up to 3 times a week.

At North Cooper Lake Bike Park, we have collaborated with an outside contractor to make some tweaks and repairs to the existing trails and berms that have already begun to show wear due to the popularity of the park and the increased usage those trails have seen. In addition to the maintenance trail repairs, the contractor is also filling in and creating "bale out zones" for each of the tabletop features as illustrated in the picture below.



Also of note out at North Cooper Lake, we have the playground manufacturer on site, doing extensive warranty related repairs and replacement of the majority of the playground pieces that are made of natural materials and have not held up, as they should.

We would like to extend a big shout out and thank you to Public Works for not only hauling over a dozen truckloads of dirt to North Cooper Lake for the on-going work there, but also collaborating with us earlier this week to help load our large top-dressing truck. With their assistance, we were able to put out and top-dress both our soccer complexes with over 200 tons of sand in a day and a half. Top dressing annually helps modify soil structure, improve drainage, protects the base of the turf grass structure and mitigates thatch issues.





Parks & Recreation is proud of programs staff who stepped up to assist in rolling out Support Smyrna signs during the COVID-19 closure.

20- TWENTY- 20 WITH YVETTE

This 1-hour workout covers all the elements of fitness: cardio, strength and flexibility, in three 20- minute segments. You will need to bring a mat for the flexibility segment, which will include elements of Yoga. The cardio and strength segments will you utilize your body weight while doing calisthenic exercises.

Please bring a mat and a filled water bottle

Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am – 9:30 am at Taylor Brawner Park (3180 Atlanta Rd). Classes begin June 8, 2020.

Pre-registration is required. You can register at: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/smyrnacityrec/ActivitySearch?txtActivitySearch=core&applyFiltersDefaultValue=true&cat=Activities>

Class Fee: \$5/class (\$7/class for nonresidents)

CORE DE FORCE

CORE DE FORCE is a mixed martial arts inspired exercise. This is a non-contact, high energy, total body workout - with no equipment needed. Workouts will combine movement from Western boxing, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Muay Thai and more to teach anyone how to move and train like a fighter. Movements will include agility, control, balance and precision. This is a high energy workout that will include 3-minute rounds of fight combinations. spikes and conditioning moves. Throughout the class you will focus on core-centric moves to develop a strong, powerful core.

This class is perfect for seasoned athletes and beginners alike.

Bring a filled water bottle – no other equipment needed.

Meets on Saturdays 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park (2800 King St). Classes begin June 6, 2020.

Pre-registration is required. You can register at: https://apm.activecommunities.com/smyrnacityrec/Activity_Search?txtActivitySearch=core&applyFiltersDefaultValue=true&cat=Activities

Class Fee: \$7/class (\$10/class for nonresidents)

Outdoor activities are being offered to those seeking alternatives to indoor exercise. Participants may enjoy Core De Force Saturdays on the Veterans Memorial Lawn or 20/20/20 at Taylor-Brawner Park on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.



Lee Sanders, Parks & Recreation Sales & Event Assistant, in the community center, created this awesome design to encourage social distancing. The floor stickers are being used throughout the city.



The Smyrna Community Center front desk had protective shields installed. The shields will allow guests to communicate with staff while offering a line of protection for everyone.

The community center reopened its doors last week for limited access to fitness area and racquetball courts. This week ping pong table reservations began, allowing two people to enjoy ping pong play during each block of time reserved. The small gym has been taped off to create four small courts, and beginning Monday, June 29, patrons will be able to reserve a court for two, for a block of time. This will allow a total of eight to take advantage of safe, open basketball play during each session.



Brawner Hall received an update to assist in safety measures for those renting space. The entry door into the office was converted to a Dutch door to allow for walk-ups, without entering the space. This allows social distancing while continuing to conduct business from the office.



Parks & Recreation received sunscreen dispensers, sunscreen, and the batteries to power them from JRD Foundation, along with the sunscreen for each dispenser. The eight dispensers were installed at various parks including, Brinkley, Chuck Camp, Jonquil, Tolleson, Taylor-Brawner, Cobb, RiverLine and North Cooper. Parks & Recreation is grateful for the dispensers and the citizens of Smyrna will benefit greatly from them while out enjoying the sun.



Irrigation project at Chuck Camp Park is underway to automate the system. Similar to Jonquil and RiverLine Parks, the system allows remote access and incorporates technology to maximize efficiency and save water.

Public Works

Audits under way:

MNGWPD (Metropolitan North Georgia Planning District) Was completed with good faith letter given to the city, as a good faith there are still a few items that will be due February 2021. Public Works Management team along with engineering are putting the last few remaining items to complete this audit which will take several months.

ISO AUDIT is being put together by Public Works, Fire, Communications (911) for the City that is due June 2020. When final paperwork is submitted by Staff, we will receive our Rating and accreditation. Public works side is 40%, Fire 40%, Communications 20%. Smyrna Team will Have Audit performed on the 23rd. Audit was performed, and additional paperwork was requested to be submitted by 6/26/2020.

AWIA (AMERICAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT) audit due in March 2021. Public Works Management is currently waiting on response from GEFA on a grant For Woods and Associates to assist and complete our Audit. The federal Government funded grants to certain municipalities to have assistance in completion of the audit. This Audit stems from the bioterrorism act of 2008 that was put in place due to September 9th, 2001.

Water/Sewer Division is currently grading sewer infrastructure with our sewer sonar equipment that grades the condition of the pipe and capacities of flow, this technology sends acoustic sound wave from one device to another to determine condition or if flow is being impeded which in turn cuts down on cost of fuel and repairs and maintenance to our emergency sewer equipment such as our Jett Truck And video inspection equipment. Staff will grade a Council Ward and the areas that need attention will be addressed with jet truck and video inspection to determine what needs to be done to correct the issue. This project is still in progress in Ward 4.

Water/Sewer division will have several sewer lines throughout the city CIPP, areas will consist of section of Lake Drive, Carolyn Drive, Brenda Drive, Rolling view Drive, Lee Street, Roswell Street, Glen Roy Drive and Plaza@ Old Concord road. once those sections are completed more lines in budget year 2021 will begin. Lake Drive has been completed with lining along with Old Concord Road @ Plaza Drive. These areas are emergency based areas reviewed by PW staff and management due to the number of backups in the area and or integrity of the pipe, from age to type of material. The most urgent sections that include Banks Street and Roswell Street, Lake Drive. Lake Drive and Roswell have been completed. Banks street scheduled to be lined week of the 29th

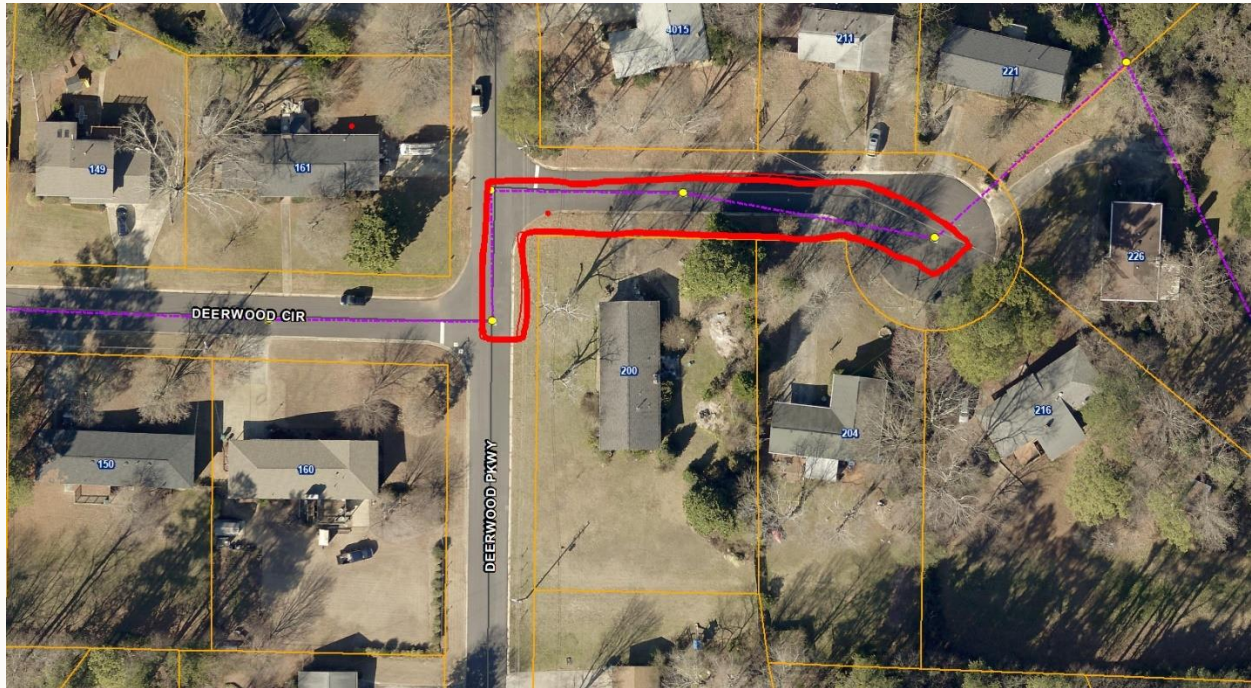
Street department has currently maintaining right of way in areas including Park road, Oakdale road, Mathews Street, Concord road, Powder springs, Old Concord road, Glendale and davenport street cutting beauty strips and low hanging limbs this week. Repair /replacement of old broken storm box tops and repair/replacement of storm pipes. In picture crews exposing utility lines to replace storm pipe in roadway due to sink hole forming from pipe failure.



Building and grounds working on daily work orders as requested along with the completion of Aline Wolfe parking lot being restriped.



Deerwood Parkway sewer rehab: Deerwood parkway was part of the monthly problem list that had to be visited on a bi-weekly basis for preventative maintenance. Once this problem area has been completed it will bring our monthly list from 25 to 15 areas. Public works started this process of repairing these areas last year. Project will be completed 6/26/2020 weather permitting.



Windy Hill Road Water Sewer Modifications: Contractor RDJE has installed new sewer line in Windy Hill Road on south side of project moving towards South Cobb Drive completed. Installation of sewer line will proceed from Beaver Creek towards Atlanta Road, all long runs in roadway will be completed in 2 weeks weather permitted. Water installation 75% completed, waiting on GDOT permit to bore South Cobb Drive.

SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: All Trees within the BLVD project have been removed, Contractor has started mobilization of equipment and materials of the BLVD project. Baldwin installing storm pipe and ditches to lead to detention ponds.

Church street roadway improvement's

Management and street department had preconstruction meeting on the roadway improvements. Notice to proceed was put out by Public works to the street department July 7th, 2020. Roadway project Phase 1 will consist of ADA ramps being installed in existing sidewalks. Phase 2 will consist of milling, paving, and striping of roadway. Phase 3 will be the final stage of installing 6 speed tables with stamped brick centers. Public works will do the majority of the project in house. Project will extend from South Cobb Drive to King Street.

Police Department

Total number of arrests: 29
Total number of citations issued: 194
Total number of citation warnings issued: 150
Total number of calls for service: 1042

The police department began refresher training on use of force, cultural awareness, sexual harassment, and ethics. This training is mandatory for our department and is being taught in small groups face-to-face by a consultant for the city. The training is being held on the following dates/times:

June 25 @ 1300 hrs.
June 26 @ 0900 hrs.
July 13 @ 0900 hrs.
July 14 @ 1300 hrs.
July 15 @ 0900 hrs.
July 16 @ 1300 hrs.

Fire Department

Incidents

Fire-1
Medical- 67
Other- 48
Total- 116

Community Development

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	2	\$373,960	1-Belmont Station 1-Grove at Adam's Pond
Building Remodel/Residential	12	\$453,275	3-Reroof 4-Interior 3-Remodel w/Addition 1-Pool
Building Remodel/Commercial	4	\$39,079,000	2-Remodel-2200 Woodlands Dr (The Alcove) & 2524 Cobb Pkwy (Juicy Crab) 1-New Commercial-6025 Riverview Rd (The Drift) 1-Cell Tower
Electrical	2	-	-
Plumbing	1	-	-
HVAC	7	-	-
Signs	1	-	1-Wall Sign – 1797 Spring Rd (Rose Gold Tattoo Shop)
Grading	1	\$1,869,430	1-6025 Riverview Rd (The Drift)

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	235	111

NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
ARG CONTRACTING INC	2301 OLD SPRING RD SE	H	BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
HOUSE OF HERALDS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT	1500 SPRINGLEAF CIR SE	H	DIGITAL MARKETING AGENCY
LITTLE COTTAGE	652 CONCORD RD	C	EVENT VENUE
SOUTHERN CAPITOL STRATEGIES	641 POWDER SPRINGS ST SE	H	CONSULTING
BERG BAKES	3532 DUNN ST SE	H	COTTAGE BAKERY
SMB SOFTWARE LLC	2710 CAROLYN DR SE	H	CONSULTING
ALONZO Q FORD LLC	3307 FIELDWOOD DR SE	H	CONSULTING
COR10 CONSULTING	425 DOWNFIELD WAY SE	H	CONSULTING
TRAVELIN' MUSIC LESSONS	2200 WOODLANDS DR SE, #1716	H	EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
BACK TO NORMAL PRESSURE WASHING	5086 LAUREL BRIDGE DR SE	H	MISCELLANEOUS
MONOGRAM STYLING LLC	401 IONA ABBEY CT SE	H	CONSULTING
THE WARE AGENCY	535 VININGS ESTATES DR SE	H	MARKETING
LEVY & LEVI INC	2201 COUNTRY PARK DR SE	H	REAL ESTATE - RESIDENTIAL
THE PISTIS GROUP	907 SPRING HEIGHTS LN SE	H	CONSULTING

